

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ANNIE WIRTH
ON HER WIN AT THE IHSA
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN LONG
JUMP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Annie Wirth, a junior from Geneseo High School, who won first place at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Championship in Long Jump.

Annie's win at the IHSA Girls Track and Field State Championship can be summed up by shattered records and a team trophy. With the bar set at 5 feet, 10 inches, Annie began her attempt with a slight jump before sprinting at the bar and bending around it nearly six feet in the air. She knew that jump would set a new record, and the height of the jump was the tallest out of any of the three classes. Annie medaled again after a 17-foot, 7¾ leap, placing third in that competition. She also placed fifth in the 300m hurdles, running 45.35 in the rain. As a former athlete, I commend Annie for her dedication to her team and to her sport and am proud of how far that has taken her.

Annie's athletic success is remarkable. I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and student-athletes like Annie Wirth. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Annie Wirth again, the Illinois High School Association State Champion in Long Jump.

SALEM AMERICAN LEGION BAND

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the 75th birthday celebration of the Salem American Legion Band. The Salem American Legion Band was started in 1947 by World War II veterans. Today, the band is comprised of young musicians, both veterans and non-veterans, from all over Salem County, as well as neighboring South Jersey counties. The Salem American Legion Band performs two major concerts each year. In May, they have their Spring Veterans Concert, where they honor and recognize our nation's veterans for their service. Then, in the winter, the band hosts their Christmas concert. In addition to their semi-annual concerts, the American Legion Band performs at various events around the South Jersey area. Congratulations to the band on their 75th year and thank you to our veterans for their brave service. God Bless the Salem American Legion Band, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S
230TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 230th anniversary of Jefferson County, Tennessee.

Governor William Blount formed Jefferson County in 1792 from land that was formerly part of the Southwest Territories, and it was one of the few counties created before Tennessee became the 16th state in 1796.

Davy Crockett, one of our nation's most prominent frontiersmen, called Jefferson County home for 15 years and represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his residence in Jefferson County, Davy Crockett married his wife, Polly Finley, in 1806 at the Finley Homeplace.

Today, Jefferson County is home to many small businesses, abundant farmlands, and incredibly kind and wonderful residents. It is also home to several academic institutes, such as Carson-Newman University, that are shaping the minds of our future leaders.

I am proud to represent Jefferson County and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is my honor to recognize Jefferson County's 230 years of rich history.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES AND HONORING THE "FATHER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES", COLONEL AARON BANK

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, June 19, 2022, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United States Army Special Forces—the most versatile Special Operations soldiers in the world.

Since their establishment in 1952, Special Forces soldiers have distinguished themselves globally and continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to defend the United States in combat theaters worldwide. However, due to the covert nature of many of their missions, both the measure of their sacrifice and their contribution to freedom here and abroad may never be known.

I hope all Americans will join me in celebrating their 70th anniversary and thanking them for giving more to this country than could ever be repaid and perhaps, could ever be measured.

In valor, courage, and fidelity, the Special Forces are the world's finest fighting force, and I am thankful that they are in the business of protecting the United States of America and its citizens.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to Colonel Aaron Bank, the founder and first commander of the Special Forces. After World War II, it was clear there was a place for highly trained unconventional forces. Colonel Bank began working to convince the U.S. Army to adopt a permanent unconventional warfare force. After tireless efforts, the U.S. Army launched its first Special Forces unit, the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with Colonel Bank as its first commander.

Since then, the U.S. Army Special Forces has spawned special operations units from the other military branches such as the Navy SEALs, Air Force Combat Controllers, and the Marines' Force Recon.

We have Colonel Bank to thank for emphasizing the strategic and tactical importance of such units, which he modeled in designing, implementing, and commanding the Army's first Special Forces unit.

I consider it an honor and privilege to participate in recognizing both his contribution and the legacy of his vision and foresight, the United States Special Forces.

My most sincere gratitude goes out to Colonel Bank and all Green Berets as they celebrate the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Army Special Forces.

NICHOLAS GEORGE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I attended Nicholas George's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nicholas is a junior at Ocean City High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 79 in Upper Township. For his Eagle Scout project, he created a permanent memorial honoring Marienus J. Segeren (Mar-e-en J. Seg-e-ren), a trooper who died serving the New Jersey community in 1971. He decided to create this memorial because he has a strong interest in pursuing law enforcement as a future career path. Nicholas planned the project, solicited the funding, organized the labor groups, and installed the memorial all on his own. In addition, he presented the excess of funds that he obtained for the memorial to the New Jersey State Police Survivors of the Triangle to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Nicholas is a very special young man with high ideals. He should be proud of his contributions to the law enforcement community in New Jersey, and I wish him the best of luck in pursuing his own career in law enforcement. God Bless Nicholas, and God Bless our America.

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HONORING LT. COL. COURTNEY
KILUK

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the exemplary service of Lieutenant Colonel Courtney Kiluk as an Army Congressional Fellow and Army Legislative Liaison. Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk is transitioning from her current assignment to taking command of the Army Aviation Battalion-Japan.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Aviation from the Purdue University ROTC program. She also earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Business and Security Management from Webster University, and a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk has served in a broad range of assignments during her 18 years as an Army officer, including Platoon Leader at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia; Company Commander at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Korea and Hickam Army Airfield, Hawaii; Brigade Executive Officer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Legislative Liaison in Washington, D.C. She also has served two combat deployments in Iraq and one combat tour in Afghanistan.

I have had the privilege of working directly with Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk, first as a fellow in my Capitol Hill office from 2017 until 2018. Her professionalism, performance and commitment to the mission, as both a fellow and liaison, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression to both Members and staff of the United States Congress. Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk has positively impacted soldiers, peers and superiors alike.

On a personal level, I have had the honor of also meeting Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk's family, who, as with all American military families, share her selfless commitment to our country. I thank her husband, Josh, as well as her children, Andrew and Luke, for their sacrifices made in supporting her service to our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk since the second session of the 113th Congress. Our country has benefited from her extraordinary leadership, judgment and passion for the Army profession. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Kiluk for her service to our country and wish her all the best as she continues her service in the United States Army.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF DISABLED AMERICAN
VETERANS

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Disabled American Veterans on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

In 1920, Judge Robert Marx, a disabled veteran from World War I, convened a group of veterans in Cincinnati, Ohio to form the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, or DAVWW. The DAVWW spoke for the hundreds of thousands of veterans who were rendered disabled during their service.

In 1932, Congress granted a federal charter to DAVWW, establishing it as the official voice of disabled veterans. In 1943, with the coming of another world war, the organization shortened its name to Disabled American Veterans, or DAV.

Disabled American Veterans has been among the leading organizations in advocating for legislation that improves the treatment of disabled veterans. Filing claims, providing rides, creating job placement programs, and advocating for legislation are just some of the ways Disabled American Veterans have helped our wounded warriors return to full, productive lives in our communities.

Veterans who have sacrificed so much to protect our way of life, deserve our admiration, respect, and support. I commend the Disabled American Veterans' commitment to our Nation's veterans and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Disabled American Veterans and its century of service.

CHRISTOPHER LEMON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Christopher Lemon's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Christopher belongs to Troop 1079 of Seaville, South Jersey. For his Eagle Scout project, he created and gifted Shore Medical Center over 200 wooden hearts for their memorial recognizing COVID-19 patients who recovered in their hospital. Christopher painted the hearts with Shore Medical Center's colors, purple and white, and put them on posts. The posts were placed in the front lawn of the center and resided there for several weeks during the summer of 2021. This young man should be proud of his contributions to the memorial and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Christopher, and God Bless our America.

HONORING KNOX COUNTY'S 230TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate the 230th Anniversary of Knox County, Tennessee.

Governor William Blount formed Knox County in 1792 before Tennessee became a state, and Tennessee's first Governor and founding father, John Sevier, called Knox County home during his time in office.

Today, Knox County is home to many small businesses and large companies, abundant farmlands, and a community of the kindest folks you could ever meet. It also holds sev-

eral academic institutes that are shaping the minds of our future leaders. Tennessee's flagship university, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, was founded in Knox County in 1794 as Blount College. It also became one of our nation's first co-educational education colleges when it admitted five female students in 1804. The University of Tennessee is the alma mater of notable alumni like NFL legend Peyton Manning and American astronaut Scott Kelly.

I was proud to serve Knox County as its mayor for eight years, and I'm equally proud to represent these folks today in our Nation's capital. It is my honor to celebrate Knox County for 230 impactful years of history.

HONORING MIKE KRZYZEWSKI

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke University on his retirement. Blue Devils everywhere are proud of his remarkable legacy, a historic career that has seen Coach Krzyzewski win five national titles and five Olympic gold medals.

I previously taught at Duke and have represented the campus and Durham for a number of years. I know firsthand of Mike Krzyzewski's character and integrity. He is not only a world-class coach; he is also a committed educator who has trained and inspired his players to succeed in whatever they undertake in life. Over his career, his players earned a combined 81 All-ACC Academic Team honors.

A native of Chicago, Coach Krzyzewski, affectionately known as "Coach K," began his 46 year-long coaching career at the United States Military Academy before becoming the longtime coach at Duke. Over his 42 years as their head coach, he garnered three Naismith Hall of Fame Coach Awards, 15 ACC championships, 13 Final Four appearances, and five NCAA Division I national championships.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski's 1,000th career victory came on a Sunday afternoon in New York City at Madison Square Garden against the Red Storm of St. John's University, surpassing his former Coach Bob Knight and establishing himself as the winningest coach in basketball history and becoming the first head coach with a four-figure win total.

With 1,129 of Duke's 2,246 all-time victories coming under Coach K, he holds claim to the NCAA record for most wins by a coach at one school and has presided over more than half of all Duke men's basketball victories. Coach K is a five-time Olympic gold medal winner—in 1984 and 1992 as Team USA's assistant coach, and in 2008, 2012, and 2016 as its head coach. Krzyzewski has consistently made history by winning.

Mike Krzyzewski's accomplishments are impressive by any measure. Equally as impressive, though, is his work off the basketball court and commitment to his local community.

I am proud to have collaborated directly with Coach K, and his wife Mickie, in securing federal support for what became the Emily Krzyzewski Family Life Center, which opened in Durham in 2006. Named after his mother,